

## Corner: UNEP/SETAC Life Cycle Initiative

### International Conference on Life Cycle Assessment 2005 (ICLCA 2005)

#### Call for Papers

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The Conference is organised by ALCALA and ECO GLOBAL, under the auspices of the UNEP/SETAC Life Cycle Initiative, and in co-operation with the Latin American Life Cycle Network, ACLCA, NCP Costa Rica, UNA, CINPE and others.

#### 'First time in Latin America'

**Promoting the use of LCA in Latin America, building capacity and to exchanging experiences of LCA applications in the region on the international level at the Hotel Herradura in San Jose, Costa Rica, 25–28 April 2005**

**You are invited to submit abstracts of 300 words for platform and poster presentations before 15 February at the website <http://196.40.86.134/> or <http://www.ecoglobaladvisors.com> (go to presentation and then invitation) or directly to [aquiros@ecoglobaladvisors.com](mailto:aquiros@ecoglobaladvisors.com) or [guido.sonnemann@unep.fr](mailto:guido.sonnemann@unep.fr). See <http://196.40.86.134/> or <http://www.ecoglobaladvisors.com> for registration and more information.**

The Conference is a mile stone since it will bring together, for the first time in Latin America, the experts and interested parties from private and public sector from all over the world. As you are well aware, LCA is an excellent tool for decision making towards a more sustainable world and having the Conference in Costa Rica provides the perfect setting for the advancement of the tool in the region. The following session topics and chairs have been confirmed so far:

#### 25 April

##### Basic LCA Training by Software Providers

- Parallel training 1a: SimaPro (Mark Goedkoop and Nydia Suppen)
- Parallel training 1b: Gabi (Harald Florin, Mathias Fischer and Johannes Kreissig)

#### 26 April

Opening session on Education and Capacity Building (Ana Quiros and Jim Fava)

Afternoon parallel sessions on crosscutting topics:

- Parallel session Afternoon 1a: Product-Policy Making (Mario Quiros and Rita Schenk)

- Parallel session Afternoon 1b: Life Cycle Management for Business (Allan Jensen, Joan Rieradevall and Harald Florin)
- Parallel session Afternoon 2a: Cleaner Production (Sergio Musmanni and Guido Sonnemann)
- Parallel session Morning 2b: Social Aspects and Sustainable Development (Cassia Ugaya, Greg Norris and Mathias Fischer)

#### 27 April

Morning with parallel sessions on sector-specific topics:

- Parallel session Morning 1a: Green Building (Jim Fava and Johannes Kreissig)
- Parallel session Morning 1b: Agriculture (Rafael Diaz and Rita Schenk)
- Parallel session Morning 2a: Materials and Waste Management, with a special focus on plastics (Mike Levy and Roland Hischer)
- Parallel session Morning 2b: Energy, Mining and New Sustainable Business (Elisa Cobas and Atsushi Inaba)

Afternoon organizational session on Latin American activities: ALCALA and the American Life Cycle network and their relation to the UNEP/SETAC Life Cycle Initiative and GALAC (Ana Quiros, Jim Fava and Atsushi Inaba)

Closing session with presentations of outcomes in Parallel Sessions (Cassia Ugaya and Guido Sonnemann)

#### 28 April

##### Advanced LCA Training by Specialized Software Providers

- Parallel training 2a: Umberto (Cassia Ugaya and Martina Prox)
- Parallel training 2b: LCA Wizards (Lise Laurin and Greg Norris)

In addition, the following side events and social activities are planned in conjunction with the conference:

- a) Meeting of the International Life Cycle Panel
- b) Meeting(s) for Latin American life cycle network and to officially set up ALCALA
- c) Social event
- d) Conference dinner
- e) Excursion(s)

It is foreseen to give confirmation within one month. Please advise if you need early confirmation for travel arrangements. Any gains from the conference will be used to support LCA capacity building activities in Latin America through ALCALA and the Latin American Life Cycle Network.